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SUBJECT: CRISTOBAL MONTERO REESE, NEW ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA

- 1. LOCAL PRESS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT CRISTOBAL MONTERO REESE HAS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO ARGENTINE PRESIDENT VIDELA. BIO INFORMATION ON MONTERO FOLLOWS:
- 2. PRIOR TO BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, MONTERO WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSULAR AND FOREIGNERS' AFFAIRS AT THE FONMIN. HE HAS ALSO SERVED IN WASHINGTON AND HAMBURG. IN HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, HE BECAME UNFAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY BECAUSE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM HIS OFFICE REQUESTING U.S. VISAS FOR UNQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS. ALTHOUGH THIS PRACTICE MAY HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY EVIDENT DURING MONTERO'S TOUR OF DUTY, THIS IS A CHARGE ALSO LEVIED AGAINST HIS PREDECESSORS, HOWEVER, AND PROBABLY RESULTS FROM PRESSURES WITHIN THE GOE THAT AN INCUMBENT IN THAT POSITION CANNOT WITHSTAND.
- 3. MONTERO CLAIMS TO BE VERY PRO-AMERICAN, AND HE IS KNOWN TO BE DEFINITELY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND PARTICULARLY ANTI-SOVIET.
- 4. MONTERO IS MARRIED (WIFE'S NAME: WILMA) AND HAS THREE TEENAGE CHILDREN. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK CONFIDENTIAL

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ENGLISH WELL. MONTERO HAS A SERIOUS DRINKING PROBLEM.

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